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Dear Howard,

Many thanks for your warm letter of the 12th, the letter to Ali, and the useful enclosures. Plus the gift, which helps much.

Without weeping on each other or starting a mutual admiration society, let me enoourage you not to believe it is all one way. And in your way you are very, very helpful to me, the most recent example being calling to my attention what I'd forgotten about CBS. The im portance of this you have seen in the supplement to my motion and will see even more in what I am now working on. And, under great pressure, including of time.

As you are aware, your letter of the 21st does present a problem, but it should not be insurmountable. The project is an excellent one, and the simplest solution is use all the stuff I laready have but none in any public way, and impress this upon the profs. I regard TIGER as the one book that has any possibility of improving our financial condition, and for this as well as other reasons I do not want to dilute it with any use I can avoid of any of its contents. But since yours are scholastic purposes, there should be no conflict, and it is possible that as you go over this, you may see things that aree helpful to me. You will also find that Lil has typed extensive excerpts from some of the basic boosk for me, with carbons, which should save you much work.

This is not immediate and my needs are, so let me say that I have the Sorensen, Schlesinger, Galbraith, Hilsman, Salinger, Kirkpatrick, Abel, RFK and other books you'll want to read. On "crap", do not avoid but be selective. Much of these works is crap, but therin lies some of its value. What these men didn't understand has importance when they were close advisers, policy-makers, etc. Their distorted versions and their less-frequent honesties are both significant. This we'd better leave to personal discussion.

But if you decide to start reading before we do, S & S first, and try to get remainde red copies of the hardbacks, so your reading will coincide with my notes on both. With under-standing and correct analysis, these are the best and the largest sources. Another I do not have is Attwood's "The Reds and the Blacks", for at least the Castro passages. I also have Jean Daniel's writings that relate

Archives 12/17 seems to prove what I'd suspected, that all of Newman on this is bullshit. What the pushbuttons are for is not indicated, but the unclear xerox of the face of the set indicates a permanent dial face, hence frequencies that are fixed and limited to what disproves Newman's guck. If the 200 stands for meters, that is the equivalent of what we used to indicate as 1500 (kilocycles) on US radios, the high-frequencey side and close to the end of it on the normal broadcast band. But, if this is in meters, the 500 represents the lower-frequency end, somewhere close to where WIP comes in up there. If the larger numbers are kilocycles, these two sets of numbers can represent but a single band, the rough equivalent of the US broadcast band (AM),and it would be expressed in both meteres and kilocycles. If the larger numbers are also meters, then this means long-wave rather than short-wave, and the characteristics of long-wave are such that i carries a shorter distances (but covers that more dependably). If the larger numbers represent kilocycles, it means the set is still not capable of getting any short-wave broadcasts, from the dial, 1800 representing but space for 20 stations past the high-frequency end of the standard US AM broadcast band. It is equal to the stations between 14 and 16 on the dial, but in the other direction.

Zith the two sets of numbers representing two sets of frequencies, I still do not see how it can include short-wave, where the kilocycles are higher and are indicated in megacyles (i.e. 1800 is given as 1.8). Unless there has been a big change, I suspect that for internal use, the Soviets made sets that tuned the longer wavelengths, which are more stable. They had no interest in their people getting distant stations, which means requiring higher frequencies or shorter wavelengths. Newman's stuff is stupid as it relates to Cuba for Cuba has standard-frequencies that reach much of the southern US and come in well here.

The radio would seem to represent anything but proof of Newman's sickness, or rather, in the literal sense, is proof of his sickness. There is no cheap, $2.00 transistorized or portable that wouldn't have had the same useful capacity in the U.S.

On CD 1269, this explanation I can believe and it would account for their not having this for me three years or more earlier, without there being anything sinister in it. And there can be legitimate interest in withholding, not sinister, at least in the federal interpretation of the law. However, this argument is important proof for us, so do pursue it. The reason, if you ask them for it, will probably be right of privacy, as with medical records. However, in making this argument the FBI is saying that it is satisfied the fragment is part of the President's head, for if it isn't, there is no reason to withhold. The documents I have had for years say the same thing, for there is no other reason for that piece winding up with Burkley. But get them on paper on this and any other aspect.

Sincerely,

Dick-when I began I intended to respond only to a personal note about his visit here. But I got interrupted to the point where there was not enough time to resume the rush work, on which I must concentrate closely, before lunch. So, I added the sheet for you. He also sent me a picture of the base of 399 asking that I forward it to you. I haven't time to study it now, but would appreciate it or a copy for the future. A glance says that it perfectly illustrates something you said long ago about the cutting out of a cone of core. Unless you need this original, with the legends on the back it would be better for me for use in court. Examine closely the indentation on the left looking up from the flat side. It seems to have a pattern, like diamond cross-hatching.

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